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FOR UNESCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNESCO

SUBJECT: UNESCO MASS MEDIA DECLARATION

REFS: (A) BONN 15940, (B) PARIS 27569 (NOTAL),
(C) STATE 229731

1. DEPT HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED BY TELCON THAT IG MEETING
THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT 23, HAS REQUESTED THAT US AND FRG
BILATERALLY WORK OUT A SINGLE ALTERNATIVE DECLARATION TEXT
AND RECOMMENDED STRATEGY FOR NAIROBI, WHICH OTHER IG
MEMBERS COULD THEN COMMENT ON. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR CHANCES
FOR SUCCESS IN ANY EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE GC TO POSTPONE
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CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER EXPERTS' DRAFT DECLARATION

WOULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED BY BROAD SUPPORT FOR A SINGLE ALTERNATIVE TEXT.

2. BECAUSE OF THE VERY LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE BEFORE THE GC CONVENES ON OCT 26 AND THE TIME REQUIRED FOR BROAD COORDINATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE FRG OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TO WORK OUT A SINGLE APPROACH, DEPT WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH FRG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON OR TO SEND RONALD F STOWE, ASST LEGAL ADVISER FOR UN AFFAIRS, TO BONN OR PARIS AS EARLY AS THURSDAY, SEPT 30, IF THIS MEETS WITH FONOFF AGREEMENT. STOWE SERVED

AS USREP TO DECEMBER 1975 MASS MEDIA EXPERTS MEETING AT UNESCO. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO SEEK FONOFF VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETING NEXT WEEK AND TO INFORM DEPT SOONEST IN LIGHT OF ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED HERE.

3. FOR LONDON: EMBASSY IS REQUIRED TO INFORM FCO OF CONTENTS PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE AND TO REQUEST ANY REACTIONS TO THE US PROPOSAL FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TEXT. UK REPS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES ASKED AND WE HAVE AGREED TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON THIS MATTER, SO WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW DRAFTS AND STRATEGY WITH FCO AS WELL. ALTHOUGH FCO SHOULD HAVE US TEXT FROM THEIR UNESCO REPS, YOU SHOULD PASS ON BOTH THE DECLARATION DRAFT AND ANNOTATIONS CONTAINED IN STATE 229731, IF THEY ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO THE FCO. ROBINSON

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